



HAMPDEN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
HAMPDEN MUNICIPAL BUILDING
MINUTES

MONDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2021 6:00 P.M.

In Attendance:

*Councilor Eric Jarvi
Councilor Mark Cormier
Councilor Ivan McPike
Councilor Allen Esposito
Councilor Peter Erickson
Councilor Christine Cubberley - Remotely*

*Paula Scott, Town Manager
Gayle Decker, Town Clerk
Dennis Marble, Town Resident*

Deputy Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

A. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Deputy Mayor Jarvi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Esposito moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Councilor McPike. Vote by roll call 6-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

Resolution: 2021 - 251

C. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: *Councilor Esposito moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Councilor Cubberley, motion amended to add to the minutes of October 4th item H. New Business a correction to include Councilor Jarvi in opposition to the motion to take the item to a workshop. Vote by roll call 6-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

Resolution: 2021 – 252

1. SIGNATURES

2. COUNCIL MINUTES

- a. 10/04/2021 Council Meeting
- b. 10/12/2021 Council Workshop Meeting

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3. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Renewal Victualer's License – Restaurant Angelo's of Hampden INC. +6

4. COMMITTEE MINUTES

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Town Resident Dennis Marble spoke congratulating the winners of the recent Election and commented on the amount of local participation in the Election. He also spoke concerning an agenda item that was at a recent workshop involving the School Board, stating that he respected the Councilor's reaction when it was said that focus is on this community and local matters.

E. POLICY AGENDA

- 1. NEWS, PRESENTATIONS & AWARDS
- 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS
- 3. NOMINATIONS – APPOINTMENTS – ELECTIONS

F. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Councilor Jarvi reported on the November 8, 2021 Council Workshop

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

H. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council authorization to add a ROTH feature to the ICMA plan.

Motion: *Councilor Esposito moved Council authorize to add a ROTH feature to the ICMA plan, seconded by Councilor Erickson. Vote by roll call 6-0 with all Councilor's voting in the affirmative.*

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- b. Council review of the Draft Vaccine Mandate Policy.

Town Manager Scott spoke that on November 6, the emergency temporary standard regarding the Biden administration's vaccine mandate began. And to that end, we've been in house not only reading the mandate and its various requirements. But HR has taken a webinar with an attorney firm who handles HR. And we have written this draft policy to reflect the mandate. Now at this time

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even though we've started with our request for employees to provide vaccination status to us, we also recognize that this has been stayed by the circuit court. So at this time, there's still no definitive answer on whether or not the administration will be able to answer the issues that are identified in the lawsuit, still a work in progress? The lawsuit was filed with the Circuit Court of Appeals to stop the mandate, based upon its presumed constitutional inconsistencies. Because of the stay this Vaccine Mandate Policy is just informational at this point.

I. MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager's Report is attached as Exhibit A.

J. COUNCILOR'S COMMENTS

Councilor Erickson – no comment.

Councilor Esposito – no comment.

Councilor McPike – I'd just like to thank the voters of the Town of Hampden who voted for me. I hope I've done a good job for you over the last seven years and I'll try my best to do a good job over the next three. Thank you.

Councilor Cormier – No comment.

Councilor Cubberley – No comment.

Councilor Jarvi – My comments tonight relate to the November 2nd Election process. I've personally construed the November 2nd Hampden Election results as the decree from our voters to not participate in the politics of cynicism or distrust, but rather to embrace the politics of hope. That will be my personal mantra for the next three years. Good night Hampden.

K. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Gayle C. Decker, Town Clerk*

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